Bhimkund Multipurpose Project Stage-I envisaging construction of a dam at Neopara on river Baitarni, two power houses with a total installed capacity of 393 MW and flood control benefits to an area of 1400 sq. km. estimated to cost Rs. 328.15 crores was received in Central Water Commission in 6/1980. After examination the project was sent back to the State in 1/1983 due to non-compliance of observations by the State. Bhimkund Multi-purpose Project State-II has not been received in Central Water Commission for techno-economic appraisal.

(c) The State is required to submit modified reports on Manibhadra and Bhimkund State-I Projects and detailed project report for Bhimkund Stage-II Project.

[*Translation*]

Landing of Airbuses at Bhopal Airport

3047. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for landing of the Airbuses at Bhopal airport;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the expenditure involved in it; and

(c) the time by which the project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). The work of extending the runway upto 670 ft. for AB-320 operation at an estimated cost of Rs. 5 crores is already in progress and is expected to be completed by April, 1992.

[*English*]

Development of Tourism in West Bengal

3048. SHRIMATI MALINI BHATTACHARAYA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of West Bengal propose to develop sports of tourist interest in the State with the assistance of Union Government during Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER FOR CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). Eighth Five Year Plan is yet to be finalised.

[*Translation*]

Telephone Connections in Madhya Pradesh

3049. SHRI SURAJBHANU SOLANKI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise number of telephone connections provided in Madhya Pradesh during each of the last three years; and

(b) the steps taken to improve and modernise Telecommunication service in the State?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The information is given in the attached Statement.

(b) The information is given in the attached Statement.